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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0783

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, ET

SUBJECT: ELF ACTIVITY IN ASMARA

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE LOCALSOURCE, 2ND DIVISIONYESTERDAY SEIZED TWO ELF MEMBERS IN ASMARA. CAPTIVES ALLEGEDLY INTENDED TO DISRUPT FRIDAY'S MESKEL CELEBRATIONS BY ASSASSINATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. ARMS FOUND ON THEM INCLUDED TWO HAND GRENADES AND ONE PISTOL. HANDBILLS REPORTEDLY DISTRIBUTED IN ASMARA LAST NIGHT BY ELF, URGING BOYCOTT OF MESKEL CELEBRATIONS.

2. COMMENT: MILITANT ELF ACTIVITY, AFTER WEEKS OF PASSIVITY, COULD REPRESENT EFFORT BY EXTREMISTS TO PREEMPT PLAY FROM NEWLY ARRIVED GOVGEN.  
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